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DIGEST

Proposed law provides that it is the intent of the legislature that this state not have a deficit of safe public evacuation shelter space in any region of the state by the year 2014 and thereafter.

Proposed law provides that public facilities, including schools, postsecondary education facilities, and other facilities owned or leased by the state or local governments, but excluding hospitals or nursing homes, which are suitable for use as public evacuation shelters will be made available at the request of the local office of GOHSEP. The local office of GOHSEP will coordinate with the appropriate school board, university, community college, technical school, or local governing board when requesting the use of such facilities as public evacuation shelters.

Proposed law provides that by January 1, 2010, each local office of GOHSEP will complete an inventory, assess all local public facilities, and identify those public facilities which are suitable for use as an emergency evacuation shelter and those public facilities with retrofitting or hardening needs required to meet the criteria of a facility suitable for use as an emergency evacuation shelter. The report must be updated and submitted to the Shelter Inventory Committee by March 1 of each year. The inventory report will contain, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) The parish and municipal location of each public facility.
- (2) The number of spaces available at each facility.
- (3) The number of restrooms which meet the criteria set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (4) The number of showers and hand wash stations for each facility.
- (5) The primary use of the facility.
- (6) The names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons having the authority to grant use of the facilities as authorized by the OEP, DSS or GOHSEP during a declared emergency.
- (7) Those shelters that accept pets.

Proposed law creates the Shelter Inventory Committee and provides for the following membership:

- (1) Two representatives from DSS, appointed by the secretary of DSS.

- (2) Two representatives from the department of administration, appointed by the governor.
- (3) Two representatives from GOHSEP, appointed by the governor.
- (4) Two representatives of and appointed by the State of Louisiana Shelter Task Force.

Proposed law provides that the committee will select from the inventory list those facilities recommended by the local offices of GOHSEP for retrofitting those public facilities that, with reasonable hardening or retrofitting modifications, would accelerate the state and local efforts to reduce the deficit in shelter space. Any such public facility that is the recipient of retrofitting construction funded from monies appropriated by the state for such costs will make the facility available for use as a public evacuation shelter at the request of the local office of GOHSEP.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 29:726.2)